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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11, 16, 17 and 24-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-11, 16, 17 and 24-28 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. In the preliminary amendment, claims 1, 4-9, 16, 17 and 24 have been amended, claims 12-15 and 18-23 have been cancelled, and new claims 27 and 28 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-11, 16, 17 and 24-28 are pending. Claim 26 is an improper dependent claim because it depends from a multiple dependent claim (claim 7) and a cancelled claim (claim 15), it is applicant's discretion to amend this claim.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U. S. C. 121:

I. Claims 1-7, 16 and 17, drawn to a DJ11 polypeptide comprising a Kunitz-type protease inhibitor domain or a biologically active portion thereof, classified in class 530, subclass 300.

II. Claims 8-11 and 24-28, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a DJ11 polypeptide or a biologically active fragment thereof; or an expression cassette comprising the nucleic acid, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, and class 435, subclass 320.1.

Should Group II be elected, applicant is required to select one nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 3, 8 or 11) from claim 9. Each nucleotide, which contains different nucleotide sequence and encodes different peptide sequence, is patentably distinct. This is not species election.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

The polynucleotide of Invention II is related to the protein of Invention I because the polynucleotide encodes the claimed proteins. The inventions are distinct because they are physically and functionally distinct chemical entities, and the protein can be made by another

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and materially different process, such as chemical peptide synthesis. Further, the polynucleotide may be used for process other than the production of the proteins, such as nucleotide hybridization assay.

Because Inventions I-II are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification and their recognized divergent subject matter, and because each invention requires different searches but are not co-extensive, examination of these distinct inventions would pose a serious burden on the examiner and therefore restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chih-Min Kam whose telephone number is (571) 272-0948. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00-4:30, Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleen Kerr can be reached at 571-272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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